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DR. MAY KYI VISITED THE EMBASSY MEDICAL UNIT IN DECEMBER 1974 TO REQUEST A SUPPLY OF RABIES VACCINE FROM DR. KORCAK. HER REQUEST WAS REFUSED AFTER A LENGTHY INTERVIEW AND EXPLANATION. THE PRIMARY REASON FOR THE REFUSAL WAS THAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF DR. MAY KYI'S EXPOSURE PLACED THE CASE IN CATEGORY I OF THE W.H.O. EXPERT COMMITTEE ON RABIES TREATMENT TABLE. NO TREATMENT IS RECOMMENDED FOR CATEGORY I CASES.

DESPITE THE ABSENCE OF A MEDICAL INDICATION FOR RABIES IMMUNIZATION DR. MAY KYI WOULD HAVE BEEN PROVIDED VACCINE ON PSYCHOLOGICAL GROUNDS AND FOR REASONS OF PROFESSIONAL COURTESY WERE IT NOT FOR THE NECESSITY TO RETAIN A SUFFICIENT SUPPLY FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE OFFICIAL AMERICAN COMMUNITY. AT THAT TIME OUR SUPPLY WAS CRITICALLY LOW AND DOCTOR KORCAK FELT HE HAD NO CHOICE. THE EMBASSY'S FIRST RESPONSIBILITY, OF COURSE, IS TO CARE FOR OUR OWN STAFF WITHIN THE LIMITS OF OUR CAPABILITY. THE GUB UNDERSTANDS THIS POLICY AND INDEED WOULD NOT HAVE IT OTHERWISE. THE BURMESE GOV'T IS PROUD OF ITS PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM, WEAK THOUGH IT MAY SEEM BY OUR STANDARDS. HOWEVER IN CASES OF CRITICAL NEED IT IS OUR GENERAL POLICY AS A MATTER OF HUMANITARIAN CONCERN TO TRY AND PROVIDE ALL POSSIBLE HELP. FOR EXAMPLE, WITHIN THE LAST SIX MONTHS THE EMBASSY HEALTH UNIT HAS GIVEN RABIES ANTI SERA AND VACCINE IN FULL TREATMENT COURSE QUANTITIES TO THREE BURMESE PATIENTS.
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NATURALLY WE REGRET ANY MISUNDERSTANDING ON DR. MAY KYI'S PART, BUT WE HOPE THIS EXPLANATION WILL ENABLE SENATOR PELL TO EXPLAIN MATTERS TO HIS CONSTITUENT.
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